

## MAPBD WATCHDOG

## MICHIGAN ASSOCIATION FOR PURE BRED DOGS

Founded 1964

"Promoting Responsible Dog Ownership"

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## SB 741

This bill prohibits a local unit of government from enacting an ordinance or rule that regulates a dog based solely on breed, perceived breed, or type.

## MAPBD SUPPORTS THIS BILL:

- All dog owners should be held responsible for the actions of their dogs, regardless of breed.
- Michigan already has non breed-specific laws regulating dangerous animals.
- Breed-specific laws arbitrarily punish law abiding dog owners simply because of the breed they own. Indeed, in some instances, owners have been forced to surrender well-behaved pets who have never caused problems to shelters, simply because they own a targeted breed.
- Currently, 21 other states prohibit breed-specific dog laws.
- SB 741 properly focuses on the problem or irresponsible dog owners, regardless of the breed of dog.

FOR THE ABOVE REASONS, MAPBD SUPPORTS THIS BILL.

**MAPBD** is a Michigan non-profit organization founded in 1964. MAPBD advocates responsible dog ownership and promotes fair and reasonable animal legislation in the state.

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